

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q86186

Yong-Nyun KIM

Appln. No.: 10/523,993

Group Art Unit: 3763

Confirmation No.: 2852

Examiner: Laura A. BOUCHELLE

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For: CAP OF TUBE FOR SUPPLYING LIQUID

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

Additionally, Applicant provides the following concise explanation of non-English language EP 0 081 655:

Ventilation device (15) for a medical liquid system comprising an air-permeable hydrophobic layer (21) closing the liquid system, and a layer (21) of hydrophilic material provided at the hydrophobic layer (21) side confronted with the liquid and becoming substantially air-impermeable when wetted with the liquid, characterized in that the hydrophilic layer (20) and the hydrophobic layer (21) are closing in a direct mutual surface contact an opening of the liquid system.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement. Specifically, as the European Search Report mailing date is August 17, 2007, making the three month date November 17, 2007, which fell on a Saturday. Accordingly, this submission is timely filed on Monday, November 19, 2007.

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